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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP
SUBJ: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON

1. THE SAO PAULO FEDERATION OF COMMERCE HAS ADVISED ME THAT AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION OF FEDERATION PRESIDENT JOSE PAPA JUNIOR TO VISIT BRAZIL JUNE 12-19. ACCORDING TO THE FEDERATION, INVITATION RESULTS FROM PAP'S PREVIOUS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN NEW YORK AND THAT WHILE THE LATTER'S VISIT IS OF A "SOCIAL" NATURE, HE IS IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS FEDERATION AND MEET WITH MINISTERS AND OTHER GOB OFFICIALS IN BRASILIA. EMBASSY BRASILIA REPORTS IT HAS NO INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED VISIT.
2. WE WELCOME THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO SAO PAULO AND I HOPE HE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE LARGEST OVERSEAS AMERICAN CHAMBER AND AN IMPORTANT FORUM, EVEN THOUGH MANY AMERICANS ARE AWAY AFTER JUNE 10. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THE AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL PLANS AND ADVISE IF HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR LUNCHEON MEETING WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER. NO FIRM DATE CAN BE SUGGESTED NOW BECAUSE PRINCIPAL CHAMBER OFFICERS ARE TRAVELING.
3. COMMENT: IF CONGEN HAD BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE THE

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INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED, I WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED AGAINST JOSE PAPA'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT IN VIEW OF
A) THE PENDING COURT CASE AGAINST JOSE PAPA IN RIO DE JANEIRO FOR ALLEGED IMPROPER ADVANCES AT NIGHT TO THE DAUGHTER OF A PROMINENT RIO CITIZEN ON BOARD AN AIRPLANCE RETURNING FROM EUROPE WHEN PAPA WAS ALLEGEDLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE, B) JOSE PAP'S ROLE IN THE LATE NIGHT SCANDAL AT A PROMINENT SAO PAULO BANKER'S HOUSE WHICH LED

TO THE DISMISSAL OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SEVERO GOMES LAST YEAR, AND C) PAPA IS WIDELY REGARDED AMONG LEADING SAO PAULO INDUSTRIALISTS AND BANKERS AS A LAUGHING STOCK AND OPPORTUNISTIC PSEUDO-POLITICIAN WHO SHIFTS WHEN EVERY BREEZE AND IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE LAUDO NATEL BY GIVING HIM FREE OFFICE SPACE AT THE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE. IN SHORT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF COMMERCE AND THE MAN OF THE YEAR OF THE BRAZILIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW YORK CITY WOULD NOT MAKE EVERYONE'S LIST OF DISTINGUISHED BRAZILIAN CITIZENS.
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